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WORLD BANK AID FOR COASTAL DEVELOPOMENTAL PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) The main features of the Integrated Coastal Development Programme;

(b) Whether the World Bank has agreed to fund the Integrated Coastal Development Programme in India;

(c) If so, the quantum of financial assistance received from the World Bank;

(d) Whether any proposal is under consideration to take up such programme in some selected areas of Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONEMNT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) The Central Government has initiated a programme namely Integrated Coastal and Marine Area Management (ICMAM). The various components under this programme are:
(i) application of Geographical Information System (GIS) and Remote Sensing for management of critical habitats like Gulf of Kachchh, Gulf of Khambat, Malvan, Kadamat, Karwar Islands, Cochin Islands, Gulf of Mannar, Pichavaram, Coringa, Gahirmatha and Sunderbans,
(ii) determination of Waste Assimilation Capacity for control of pollution in estuaries and coastal waters like Tapi estuary and Ennore coast,
(iii) development of guidelines to conduct Environmental Impact Assessment for coastal activities like ports and harbours, marine transportation, waste disposal and tourism,
(iv) development of Model ICMAM Plan for Chennai, Goa and Gulf of Kachchh. Apart from the above programme, the Central Government has plans to take up
(i) defining of coastal cells and their ecological vulnerability, and
(ii) preparing shore line management plans for four coastal cells.

(b)&(c): For the above components, the World Bank has earmarked an assistance of about Rupees 32.5 million.

(d)&(e): Under the above mentioned programme, application of GIS for management of the Coringa mangroves in Kakinada district has been taken up, while the component on identification of coastal cells is planned to be taken up for the entire coast of the country, including Andhra Pradesh.